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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM NEWSOM

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FYI. DUE CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND AF CONTROL, WE DID NOT SEE REFTEL UNTIL SUNDAY NOON. FULLY APPRECIATING YOUR OUTSTANDING EFFORTS TO REARRANGE CONVENIENT APPOINTMENT CHANGES AND BEARING IN MIND YOUR HOPE (PARA 7 REFTEL), IT IS NEVERTHELESS OUR CONSIDERED JUDGMENT THAT THE NIGERIANS ARE NOW UNLIKELY ACCEPT ANY ALTERNATIVE DATES. WE ARE THEREFORE IN THE PROCESS OF RECOMMENDING THAT EVERY POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO A PRESIDENTIAL CALL TO GENERAL GOWON (PREFERABLY IN LAGOS ALTERNATIVELY IN NEW YORK FOLLOWING ARRIVAL), EXPRESSING HIS INABILITY TO MEET WITH HIM AT THIS TIME AND REEXTENDING THE OUTSTANDING INVITATION TO MAKE A STATE VISIT IN 1974. WE ARE ALSO PROPOSING THAT THE SECRETARY CONVEY FOREGOING TO GOWON OR ARIKPO IN NEW YORK. END FYI. KISSINGER

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